



State of North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services

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Memorandum

To: Agency Heads

From: George Bakolia *GB*

Subject: Business Continuity Planning Tools Update - Strohl Systems Product Contract

Date: December 20, 2007

I am pleased to inform you that negotiations with Strohl Systems are complete and we have finalized a three-year contract. The new agreement will cover the LDRPS 10 software upgrade, associated maintenance fees, LDRPS 10 training and maintenance fees for the existing Business Impact Analysis (BIA) tool. These web-enabled tools now give the State the capability to standardize the look and feel of its agencies' Business Continuity (BC) plans, a function we cannot utilize today with the current client-server version.

All executive branch agencies will be assigned a unique license for LDRPS 10, enabling them to take advantage of the full functionality of the product. For this reason the usage of the Strohl tools is mandated for all executive branch agencies. This approach will provide better integration and capability to roll up agency IT BC plans with the ITS plan, allowing the State to optimize use of its two data centers.

The Enterprise Security and Risk Management Office (ESRMO) will coordinate training on LDRPS 10. Registration details will be sent directly to the Business Continuity Planning (BCP) Representatives. Please contact Janice Hunter or Debora Antley if you would like additional details about the Strohl tools. Janice can be reached at Janice.g.hunter@its.nc.gov or 919-754-6654. Debora can be reached at debora.antley@its.nc.gov or 919-754-6652.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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